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2040 General Plan
Draft Environmental Impact Report
Scoping Meeting
January 30, 2019

Ventura County | RMA - Planning Division



Meeting Overview

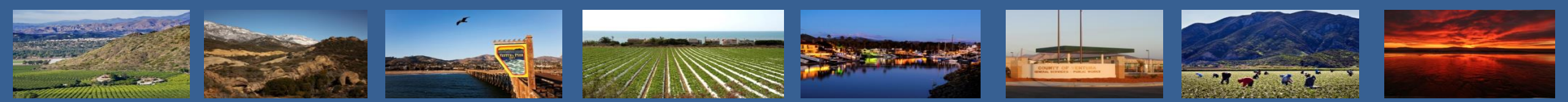
- General Plan Update (GPU) Overview
- Environmental review process under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- Solicit comments on scope of issues to address in environmental document:
 - Environmental issues
 - Ways to avoid or reduce significant environmental impacts
 - Mitigation Measures
 - Alternatives



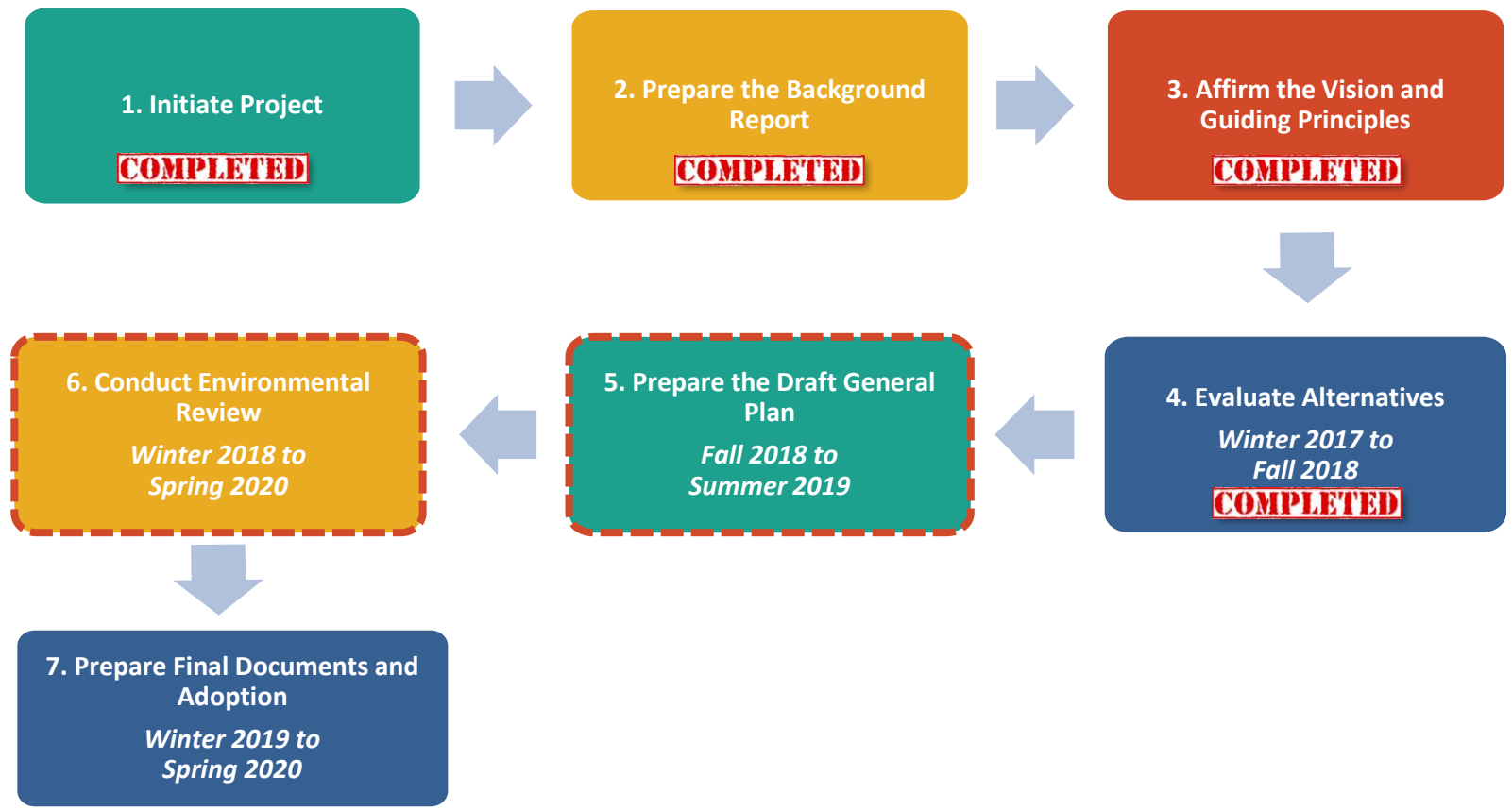
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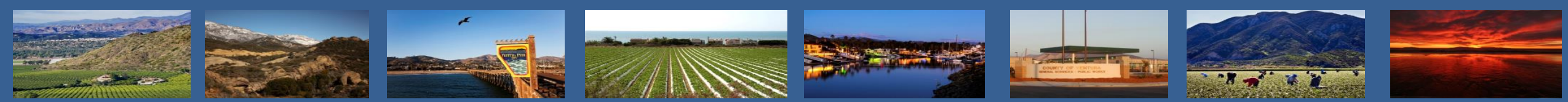


GENERAL PLAN UPDATE OVERVIEW



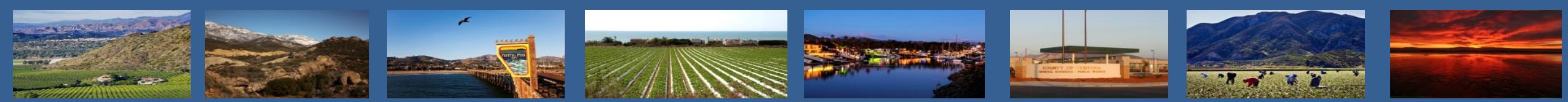
GENERAL PLAN UPDATE PHASES AND MILESTONES





Proposed 2040 General Plan Update

- First comprehensive update since 1988, will set forth vision for unincorporated Ventura County out to 2040
- Based on Board-approved Land Use Alternative:
 - Existing zoning designations can accommodate projected population growth through 2040
 - New land use designations apply only to areas with existing designations of Existing Community and Urban
 - New General Plan designations clarify allowable land uses and building densities/intensities, consistent with existing zoning
 - Development increases relative to existing Plan not expected, unless required to meet future housing need (RHNA)
 - No change to Rural, Agricultural, or Open Space designations



Proposed 2040 General Plan Update

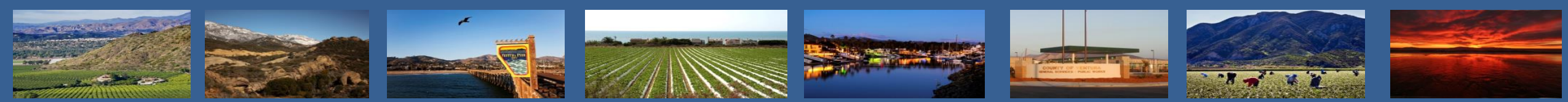
- Consistent with Guidelines for Orderly Development, greenbelt agreement, and SOAR measures
- Address new planning requirements and guidelines:
 - Environmental justice
 - Healthy communities
 - Sustainability
- Integrated Climate Action Plan
 - vulnerability analysis
 - goals/policies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change



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ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS



Purpose and Requirements of CEQA

- ***Inform decision makers and public*** about potential, significant environmental consequences of proposed activities
- Identify ways environmental damage can be ***avoided or significantly reduced*** through alternatives or mitigation measures the agency finds ***are feasible***
- Foster **public participation** and interagency collaboration
- ***Disclose*** reasons why agency approves a project when significant environmental effects are involved



Environmental Review Timeline

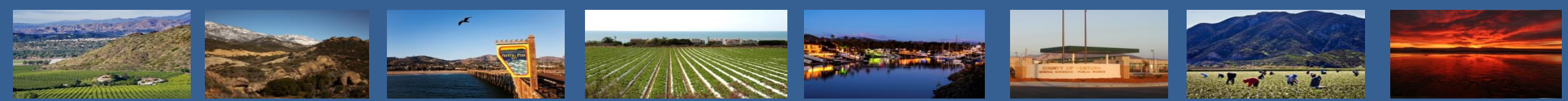
- **Notice of Preparation**
 - January 14, 2019 to February 19, 2019
- **Prepare Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)**
 - now through Fall/Winter 2019
- **EIR Public Review Period**
 - Winter 2019/2020
- **Prepare Responses to Comments and Final EIR**
 - Winter/Spring 2020
- **Board of Supervisors Decision on General Plan Update and EIR**
 - Spring 2020



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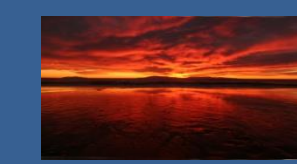


SCOPING MEETING PURPOSE



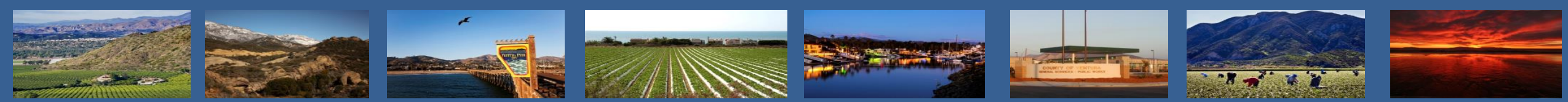
Purpose of Tonight's Meeting

- For County to receive comments on “scope” of issues to address in EIR
 - Environmental topics
 - Ways to avoid or substantially lessen significant environmental impacts (Mitigation measures, alternatives)
- EIR scope includes environmental topics addressed in:
 - CEQA and State CEQA Guidelines
 - County's 2011 Initial Study Assessment Guidelines
- EIR will address environmental issues raised in scoping comments



Environmental Resource Topics

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forest Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology/Soils
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards/Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology/Water Quality
- Land Use/Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Population/Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities/Service Systems
- Wildfire



Comments are Encouraged!

- Environmental topics for analysis
- Ways to avoid or reduce significant environmental impacts (mitigation measures or alternatives)
- Comments will be included in the record
- Send written comments to:

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- Written comments due: **5:00pm on February 19, 2019**



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QUESTIONS?

Join our interested parties list email: clay.downing@ventura.org

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